

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.31, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 22, “Authorizations,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The Board’s rules currently provide for the issuance of a substitute authorization, which provides an individual limited authority to act as a substitute teacher in a secondary classroom for no more than 5 consecutive days and no more than 10 days in a 30-day period in one job assignment for a regularly assigned teacher who is absent. To obtain the substitute authorization, an applicant must hold a bachelor’s degree. The applicant must also pass a background check and complete a minimum of 15 hours of coursework in classroom management, strategies for learning, diversity, and ethics. The proposed amendment would expand the authority of this authorization to include the elementary classroom.

This proposed amendment is based on input from the field. Specifically, school administrators have indicated they often face a shortage of qualified substitute teachers and would benefit from a rule granting the administrators the discretion to place holders of the substitute authorization in elementary classrooms as well as secondary classrooms.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Friday, August 15, 2014. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147, or sent by e-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov, or by fax to (515)281-7669.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at 1 p.m. in Room 3 Southwest, Third Floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

This amendment is subject to waiver pursuant to 282—Chapter 6.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is no anticipated impact on jobs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 272.31(4).

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 282—22.2(272), introductory paragraph, as follows:

282—22.2(272) Substitute authorization. A substitute authorization allows an individual to substitute in ~~a middle school, junior high school, or high school~~ grades PK-12 for no more than 5 consecutive days and no more than 10 days in a 30-day period in one job assignment for a regularly assigned teacher who is absent, except in the driver’s education classroom. A school district administrator may file a written request with the board for an extension of the 10-day limit in one job assignment on the basis of documented need and benefit to the instructional program. The licensure committee will review the

request and provide a written decision either approving or denying the request. An individual who holds a paraeducator certificate without a bachelor's degree and completes the substitute authorization program is authorized to substitute only in the special education classroom in which the individual paraeducator is employed. ~~This special education classroom may be on the preschool or elementary school level as well as the middle school, junior high school or high school level.~~